Remarks

Reconsideration of the present reissue application is hereby requested.

In regard to the claims:

Claims 1 to 65 were pending in this application.

Please cancel claims 24 and 25.

Claims 23, 37, 47, 49, 53 to 55, 58 and 62 have been amended. In particular, claim 23 has been amended to include the limitation of dependent claim 25, claim 37 has been amended to now specify that the magnetic/metallic security device has a plurality of metallic, conductive regions and non-conductive regions, and that the non-conductive regions extend entirely across the width of the security device. Claims 47, 49, 53 to 55, 58 and 62 have been amended to specify that the metallic layer forms a plurality of conductive regions on the carrier substrate, and that these regions are separated by non-conductive regions that extend across the entire width of the carrier substrate. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the reissue application including Col. 2, lines 16 to 27, and Col. 5, lines 30 to 45. No new matter has been added.

The amendments should now be deemed in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2).

Claims 1 to 22, 26 to 36, 50 to 52, 56 to 57 and 60 to 61 have been allowed.

Claims 1 to 23 and 26 to 65 are currently pending in this application.

As further requested by the Examiner, Applicant encloses a fully executed Supplemental Reissue Declaration, which serves to update the third paragraph to now reference the Amendment filed January 19, 2005, as well as, the present Response.

It is our understanding that there is no additional fee due for this response. If our understanding is incorrect, please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Reconsideration of the subject reissue patent application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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